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Fires claim lives of man and woman

DEATHS Two people, including an 80-year-old woman, are dead and one is critically injured after three separate fires across the city in the past three days. No cause has been determined for any of the fires.

Firefighters pulled one man's lifeless body out of a smoke-filled apartment in the Lansdowne Avenue and Dupont Street area Saturday night, while a day earlier, an 80-year-old woman died in hospital from smoke inhalation after being rescued from the 17th floor of her highrise seniors' residence building in Etobicoke.

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Mother's Day **The greatest gift of all**

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On Mother's Day, Brianna snoozes as mom, Rebecca Fosuaa, revels in her new baby. Brianna was born four days ago at Sunnybrook's maternal and newborn unit, which was the scene of celebration for many new moms on Mother's Day.

Box them up

New rules in the works for fly-by-night moving companies

The federal government is putting the moves on movers. Industry Canada wants to tighten the rules for moving companies after a deluge of complaints from consumers who say they've been ripped off by crooked operators.

"Complaints include holding furniture hostage at the destination until consumers pay more than the original estimate and producing new hidden costs such as packaging," says an internal document.

7 The Canadian Council of Better Business Bureaus says complaints about movers were No. 7 on its Top 10 list of consumer beefs in 2009. Just more than half of the 636 formal complaints about moving firms last year were settled.

"In some cases, the belongings are not delivered, but are dumped or remain in warehouses and storage facilities. Consumers in this market are particularly vulnerable to such practices because of the ability of movers to confiscate or ransom their belongings."

An Industry Canada briefing note, obtained under the Access to Information Act, suggests about one of every four moves generates a consumer complaint.

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Feds will overhaul pardon system

LEGISLATION The federal government will introduce legislation tomorrow aimed at preventing someone like convicted sex predator Graham James from ever again receiving a pardon.

Public Safety Minister Vic Toews plans to table a bill that would overhaul the system, making it much tougher, if not impossible, for repeat violent offenders to obtain a pardon.

Pattern

- The bill is expected to usher in new guidelines that would effectively direct parole board members to deny a pardon to those who have shown a pattern of multiple, serious offences.

The new measures are intended to put an end to what the government considers a "rubber stamp" for applications from the vast majority of convicts.

"The legislation will take action to ensure the National Parole Board has the tools it needs in order to maintain the accountability of offenders convicted of serious crimes," says an internal government memo obtained yesterday by The Canadian Press.

James, a former junior hockey coach, was granted a pardon from the parole board in 2007 for sexual assaults against two teens, including Sheldon Kennedy, who went on to play in the National Hockey League.

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A Canada-wide warrant has been issued for a man wanted in connection with the slaying of a 17-year-old. Police say they responded to a call last Monday and found Mitchell Leton Celise suffering from a gunshot wound. Celise was taken to hospital, but later died of his injuries. Police have issued a warrant for 19-year-old Chael Mills of Toronto. He faces a charge of first-degree murder. A police news release describes Mills as armed and dangerous. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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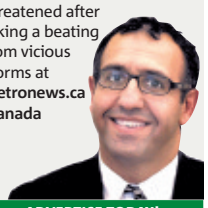

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E-waste diverted, but where exactly?

Some collectors allegedly skirt law, send waste overseas

Ontario's high-profile electronic waste disposal program is failing to recycle millions of computers and televisions it promised to keep out of landfills.

In its first year, the Ontario Electronic Stewardship — a private agency created by provincial regulation — gathered only one-third of the 42,000 tonnes of toxin-laced equipment it was originally supposed to collect, according to reports obtained by the Toronto Star.

Environment Minister John Gerretsen wants to know why.

"I have been disappointed that (OES) haven't been able to meet the targets," Gerretsen said in an interview. "I don't know what has gone wrong."

An OES spokesperson blamed the problem on growing pains of a new program.

Here's how it is supposed to work: Companies or non-profits are designated as "collectors" to pick up used electronics homeowners toss out by the millions. OES pays collectors up to $235 per tonne out of "eco-fees" contained in the cost of each new electronic gadget sold.

The OES then divides the haul from the collectors among eight approved recyclers, which extract usable components and safely dispose of toxic materials, like mercury or beryllium.

The problem, insiders say, is many other collectors have opted out of the provincial program and are selling the material — possibly overseas — for up to five times the OES amount.

"Of course they can make more money," said Cindy Coutts, president of Sims Recycling Solutions, the first recycler approved by the OES program.

"They don't do anything properly, they cut off some copper wires, take out some circuit boards," she notes. Then they label it as something other than e-waste to elude Canadian authorities and ship it overseas, she said.

Canada bans the export of e-waste to developing countries, but companies are allowed to ship e-waste to brokers in the U.S., which has no rules against transporting materials offshore. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Cindy Coutts, president of Sims Recycling Solutions, poses next to workers disassembling television sets at a Brampton recycling plant. Coutts says some e-waste collectors are shipping their discarded electronics overseas for more money.

Police ask for psychiatric assessment of Makhniashvili

STABBING Police are asking that Vakhtang Makhniashvili be required to undergo a psychiatric assessment before he can be released on bail, following his arrest Friday for allegedly stabbing his neighbour.

"It's something that police will be requesting through the Crown attorney," said Det. Sgt. Dan Nealon. "Understanding that he could probably be suffering from some sort of breakdown, it's something that we need to address before he's released back into the community."

Makhniashvili, father of Mariam Makhniashvili, who has been missing since September, is accused of stabbing a 26-year-old man, who lived in the apartment unit directly across from Makhniashvili on the seventh floor of 20 Shallmar Blvd.

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Frost could harm early flowers

COLD SNAP It could be curtains for the darling buds of May, with a carpet of frost expected to cap off a patch of cold and windy weather across the province.

"A lot of the annuals, if they were out right now, they would be in complete collapse," said Paul Reeves, co-owner of PlantWorld.

Environment Canada warned yesterday that evening temperatures would drop below zero, resulting in widespread frost, following a windy weekend and a short stretch of below-average temperatures. Warmer weather is expected, with average highs for the week predicted at 14 C.

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Nairesiai, left, and Adrian Morante have their wedding photos shot on the grounds of Osgoode Hall where flowers are in bloom.

News in brief

HEALTH CARE Ontario pharmacists asked the government Friday for at least $260 million a year in direct funding to drop their opposition to a provincial plan to eliminate $750 million a year in professional allowance fees paid to them by generic drug companies.

CHARGED Toronto police have charged a school swim coach in the case of a sexual assault on a 12-year-old boy. Jonathan Summerhayes, 47, of Toronto, has been charged with sexual offences and forcible confinement. The accused has been a swim coach with the Toronto District School Board since 1995. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Oshawa man charged with sexual assault
An Oshawa man is facing sexual assault charges involving alleged incidents against a boy dating back to the 1980s. Donald Winston, 66, is charged. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Young Irish workers flocking to Canada

Like the many Irish migrants who arrived years before, Seamus Blake left his tiny coastal village in Ireland five weeks ago in search of greener pastures in Toronto.

No potato famine or decades-long political conflict drove him here.

Instead, a steady influx of young Irishmen and women like Blake, 24, is arriving here in desperate search of work, fleeing their own country's 14 per cent jobless rate, an after-effect of the 2008 global financial crisis and economic recession.

Blake, 24, who graduated from Leeds University with a master's degree in financial mathematics last year, arrived a year after his older brother David landed in Vancouver, also with a work permit.

"At the moment, there doesn't seem to be any jobs for new graduates in Ireland," said a despondent Blake, a native of tiny Liscannor, on Ireland's west coast. "From what I heard, Canada's economy has already bounced back and it's full of opportunities."

Eamonn O'Loghlin, executive director of the Ireland Canada Chamber of Commerce in Toronto, receives several emails and phone calls a week these days from his countrymen, some his "lost friends and relatives," exploring prospects in Canada.

"I try to be realistic and tell people that the job market is tight here as well, but it is easier if you have the education, skills and network in business," said O'Loghlin.

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2,604 The latest statistics show the number of temporary foreign workers in Canada from Ireland jumped to 2,604 in 2008 from 1,514 in 2004. Community leaders say those figures don't begin to reflect the more recent surge in arrivals.

Danforth **After the storm**

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Jonah Sheinin, 11, joins his family and neighbours as they work to remove some tree limbs from Fulton Avenue near Pape and Danforth. A major storm hit Toronto yesterday, and fallen tree limbs and power lines caused problems around the city.

Work begins on $29M bypass for Coxwell sewer

INFRASTRUCTURE Construction begins this week on a permanent bypass for the Coxwell tunnel — the giant pipe buried under the Don Valley with a series of cracks that can't be repaired because the sewer can't be shut down and emptied.

The tunnel, which will cost the city almost $29 million, will be functional by January. McNally Construction Inc. was awarded the contract in March.

The 4.8-kilometre sewer, built more than 50 years ago, handles sewage of 750,000 people living in the centre of the city.

The cracks, beneath Barbara Crescent, north of Coxwell Avenue and O'Connor Drive, were discovered by a robotic camera in late 2008. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Four men stabbed in two separate incidents

Four men were stabbed in two incidents over the weekend, but all are expected to recover. Three men drove themselves to hospital after a fight outside a house party near Victoria Park Avenue and St. Clair Avenue East yesterday. And a 20-year-old was stabbed in the arm Saturday evening near Main Street and Danforth Avenue. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Sinning for job security?

Some non-religious educators take up Catholicism to get work

Unemployed, non-religious educators are turning to Catholicism in an attempt to secure a coveted teaching position, even it means lying in confession about whether they've had pre-marital sex, some have revealed.

"I don't particularly like going (to mass) every Sunday, but if this is what I have to do, then I'll do it," said a Toronto-area woman, who didn't want to be identified.

"I just really want to be in a career. I just want it so badly."

The teacher said she has also been going to confession regularly and speaking with a priest on a weekly basis in order to receive the documents she needs to apply to the Toronto Catholic District School Board.

She is not Catholic. In fact, she doesn't consider herself religious.

"I just really want to be in a career. I just want it so badly."
Unidentified teacher

The oversupply of qualified, unemployed teachers in Ontario has been a well-documented problem. According to the Ontario College of Teachers, there were about 12,200 new teachers in the province in 2009, but only about 5,000 positions.

Even some non-practising Catholics have said they are returning to the church, trying to wriggle their way into the Catholic board.

"My main target was to get into the school board, just because every single door was closed for every single public board," said another woman, a former Catholic, who gave up on the church a decade ago.

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VINCE TALOTTA/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

A very happy Tonya Surman, executive director of the Centre for Social Innovation, does cartwheels at 720 Bathurst St. The building will become the centre's second home if Toronto city council signs off on a $4.8-million loan guarantee this week.

New home eyed for social mission groups

COUNCIL Tonya Surman is giddy with excitement.

She's literally doing cartwheels inside an old building on Bathurst Street, just south of Bloor, that will become the second home of the Centre for Social Innovation if Toronto city council signs off on a $4.8-million loan guarantee this week.

Surman is executive director of the centre, where small businesses and organizations — all engaged in work with a public purpose — share space in an old plumbing factory on Spadina Avenue.

First opened in 2004, they are now bursting at the seams with 200 social mission groups using space on two floors. Groups pay rent and in return they get access to office equipment, Internet and someone who can sign for packages.

The model has been so successful that Surman has been on the lookout for another site, which led to the discovery of 720 Bathurst St., a five-storey building with a $4.5-million price tag plus another $2.3 million in renovations.

She has cobbled together a payment solution that includes a $4.8-million mortgage, thanks to a loan guarantee from the city, plus $1.7 million from issuing RRSP-eligible bonds.

Council will vote on whether to approve the loan guarantee tomorrow. If approved, the deal will close May 18.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

A year later, men's deaths still unsolved

CRIME It was a typical Friday for Jarvis St. Remy last May. After classes and a visit to his friend's apartment, the 18-year-old headed out into the night to catch a bus home.

As he stood at the stop, someone shot him twice and fled down an embankment. He died shortly after.

Ten days later, 14-year-old Adrian Johnston was shot in broad daylight in a hydro field a few blocks away.

St. Remy and Johnston were the last two people to lose their lives in a string of shootings and stabbings in and around the former city of York that left eight young men dead in four months last year.

Police blamed much of the violence on a turf war between four local gangs. Shortly after Johnston's killing, they rounded up accused dealers and gangsters.

A year later, six of the killings remain unsolved and relatives of the dead are still desperate to know why they died.

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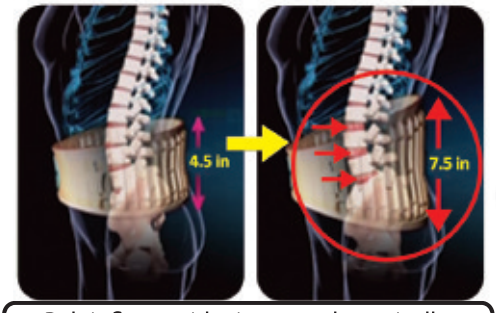

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Dr. Michel Rice

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UN Secretary General to visit Canada
The UN Secretary General is coming to Canada. Ban Ki-moon will be in Ottawa May 12 to meet with Prime Minister Stephen Harper. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada

Corporal charged in sex assault

A member of the Canadian Forces has been charged with four counts of sexual assault in connection with attacks on women at CFB Petawawa in eastern Ontario. Canadian Forces officials say the charges stem from two incidents in the CFB Petawawa area in the fall of 2009, and two recent attacks this past week. Cpl. Christopher Raymond Chaulk is charged with four counts of sexual assault and four counts of assault. THE CANADIAN PRESS

An emotional return

NETHERLANDS They were heroes after they wrestled the small Dutch city of Apeldoorn from the clutches of Nazi occupation, friends when they brought chocolate for the children and cigarettes for the adults.

Sixty-five years later, a group of Canadian veterans returned, drawn back by the enduring gratitude of the citizens they liberated.

"We all appreciate it," said veteran Roy Hare. "All Canadians who come here appreciate it."

Hare was one of many veterans who returned to the city to take part in a parade held every five years to thank the soldiers who freed the country from the Nazis. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bolstering borders

Pakistan says a Canadian-led G8 initiative to rehabilitate its lawless Afghanistan border region doesn't go far enough to stamp out terrorism.

Islamabad has asked Ottawa to expand the scope of its plan, and is also concerned how it will be financed: Forcing Pakistan deeper into debt with international lenders, The Canadian Press has learned.

Pakistan says it is grateful for the Afghanistan-Pakistan Border Region Prosperity Initiative that was announced by G8 foreign ministers in March, but says it doesn't do enough to lift up the fortunes of the vulnerable, economically-backward region that is now become a safe haven for al-Qaida terrorists.

Pakistan has asked Canada to consider expanding the initiative — announced when G8 foreign ministers met in the Ottawa area in March — arguing more needs to be done beyond one or two "signature" projects. Pakistan has asked Canada, the chair of this year's G8, to take a second look at its wish list for addressing the series of woes that bedevil its western frontier with Afghanistan.

"Our feeling is the initiative should not confine itself to one or two high profile projects, but do something in terms of uplifting those regions," Akbar Zeb, Pakistan's High Commissioner to Canada, told The Canadian Press. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Back in the news

- Pakistan's dubious distinction as a terror base has once again been highlighted as U.S. officials say the Pakistani Taliban directed the plot to detonate a bomb in New York City's Times Square. The accused bomber, Faisal Shahzad, is accused of spending five months in Pakistan before returning to the U.S. to prepare his attack.

Ottawa **Paying tribute**

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VE Day veteran Arthur Ficher salutes Saturday after placing a wreath at the War Memorial during a cold and wet VE Day ceremony in Ottawa.

Mom fights to get her son back

LAW A Calgary woman is spearheading a Mother's Day Rally to bring attention to her fight to be reunited with her 12-year-old son.

Lisa Kirkman says that in 2008, her son Noah was visiting his stepfather in Oregon when he was taken into the custody of the Department of Human Services because he was in the U.S. without a legal guardian.

She says the boy is still in a foster home nearly two years later and she is not allowed to visit him or even have supervised phone conversations. Kirkman thinks justice officials might be hung up on the fact she has a criminal record for growing medical marijuana for her husband. THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

ARRESTS Police responding to a home alarm in the Peterborough area entered the home and discovered $11,000 worth of marijuana plants. Two 38-year-old men from Smith Township were charged with marijuana production.

FOUND Provincial police have found a missing teenager who was hiking in Algonquin Park Saturday. Lucas Yakabuski, 18, was found yesterday after an intensive search. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Brantford man faces weapons charges

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Williams 'good and ready' for third term

N.L. situation 'friendly dictatorship', says expert

He's prone to flashes of temper and personal attacks, but Danny Williams says he still likes being Canada's most popular premier and wants a third term.

"I feel stronger, better than I ever did before," the Newfoundland and Labrador leader told reporters last week.

"We're 18 months from an election and we'll be good and ready," he said of the vote planned for Oct. 11, 2011.

Questions were raised about the premier's demeanour after some especially nasty public tussles. He is also recovering from heart valve surgery in February — a procedure that sparked a medicare uproar because he chose to have it done in Florida.

In recent weeks, Williams has made headlines for rhetorical attacks on doctors, a Quebec judge and a furious exchange in the legislature with NDP Leader Lorraine Michael.

The premier's popularity speaks for itself, and he has never shrunk from speaking his mind.

Two independent polls in March suggest unmatched personal and government approval ratings of 80 to 93 per cent.

But some political watchers wonder about the democratic toll of a premier who rules so absolutely. There are 43 Progressive Conservatives, four Liberals and one New Democrat in one of the most uneven legislatures in the country.

ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Some political watchers wonder about the democratic toll Newfoundland and Labrador pays for the popularity of Premier Danny Williams, who rules so absolutely.

"Not only does the premier have control of the legislature, but by having such incredibly high popularity levels, it means that effectively the power is heightened even more," said Alex Marland, a political scientist at Memorial University in Newfoundland and Labrador. "The reality is that a friendly dictatorship definitely applies in this case."

"A number of the parliamentary principles that are supposed to occur don't occur here. The biggest problem is the lack of opposition and the lack of scrutiny of government operations."

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Brain-injured lack services: Group

HEALTH Shortages of programs, lengthy waiting lists or simply no programs at all for those with acquired brain injuries are the norm in most areas of the country, according to Shirley Johnson, president of the Brain Injury Association of Canada.

"In most provinces there are virtually no work-related programs," she said from her home in Victoria.

Adults with acquired brain injuries often find friends and peers have disappeared, leaving them reliant on parents and siblings to help them rebuild the parts of the brain that provide memory and organization.

"Years ago, people wouldn't have survived these injuries. The medical system has progressed to the point where they can save these people's lives. But, once they're released from acute care there aren't sufficient services," said Johnson.

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A hydraulic problem forced a Tokyo-bound Continental Airlines plane to make an emergency landing shortly after takeoff at New Jersey's Newark Liberty International Airport. Houston-based Continental Airlines Inc. says 291 people were on board. No injuries were reported. The Boeing 777 wasn't damaged. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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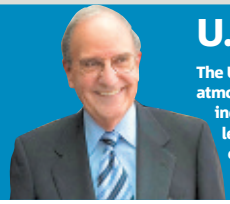

U.S. hopeful for Mideast progress

The U.S. praised Israelis and Palestinians for pledging modest steps to create a positive atmosphere for their first peace contacts in more than a year, after the initial round of indirect talks ended yesterday. U.S. President Barack Obama's Mideast envoy, George Mitchell, left, departed for home yesterday after multiple meetings with Israeli and Palestinian leaders over the course of a week to get the indirect talks underway. Resumption of the peace talks amounts to the first achievement here for the Obama administration. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Another try to cap leak

First attempt to stem oil flow into Gulf failed Saturday

Crews planned yesterday to offload equipment that could be used in a new attempt to stem the flow of oil gushing into the Gulf of Mexico after BP's first attempt to use a giant containment box to divert the crude was foiled.

There was a renewed sense of urgency as thick blobs of tar washed up on Alabama's white sand beachers, yet another sign the spill was spreading.

The equipment to be offloaded from another vessel would use a tube to shoot mud and concrete directly into the well's blowout preventer, a process that could take two to three weeks.

Crews planned to secure the big containment box about 490 metres from the massive leak site, much farther away from where it was placed Saturday after icelike crystals clogged the top when it was over the leak, according to a daily activity sheet reviewed by The Associated Press.

Waves of dark brown and black sludge crashed into a boat in the area above the leak. The fumes there were so intense that a crewmember and an AP photographer on board had to wear respirators while outside.

It took about two weeks to build the box and three days to cart the containment box 80 kilometres out and slowly lower it to the well 1.6 kilometres below the surface, but the frozen depths were just too much. BP officials were not giving up hope that a containment box could cover the well. But they said it could be today or later before they decide whether to make another attempt to capture the oil and funnel it to a tanker at the surface.

"I wouldn't say it's failed yet," BP chief operating officer Doug Suttles said of the containment box. "What I would say is what we attempted to do ... didn't work." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Europe's debt crisis may deepen after Angela Merkel suffers a stinging political defeat.

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Thailand **Red Shirts refuse to budge**

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Anti-government demonstrators gather yesterday in Bangkok. Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva has proposed a reconciliation plan, which is to include the dissolution of parliament and new elections in November, but the Red Shirt protesters say they want more specifics and will not leave their campsite in Bangkok's central commercial district until their demands are met.

News in brief

WASHINGTON Saying they have obtained new evidence, senior White House officials said yesterday the Pakistani Taliban were behind the failed Times Square car bombing. The attempt marks the first time the group has been able to launch an attack on U.S. soil. The finding raises new questions about the U.S. relationship with Pakistan, which is widely known to have al-Qaida and other groups operating within its borders. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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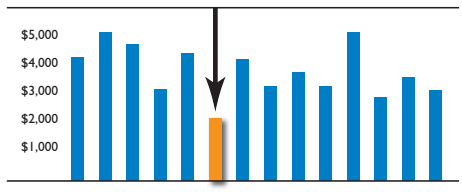

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IMF approves funds for Greece
The board of the International Monetary Fund has approved its part of a $140-billion US bailout package for Greece. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mine tragedy in Russia

Rescuers scrambling to free trapped workers

Rescue workers scrambled to save 83 people trapped in Russia's largest underground coal mine after two explosions killed at least 12 people and injured dozens more, officials said. Among those still trapped were rescue workers who had entered the Siberian mine after the first blast.

A high level of methane gas after yesterday's second, more powerful blast raised fears of further explosions and prevented more rescuers from going into the mine for the rest of the day.

The first rescue team was sent down early today to try to bring out five miners whose location had been established, said Valery Korchagin, a spokesperson for the Emergency Ministry. It was not clear, however, whether the miners were still alive, he said.

The second explosion destroyed the main air shaft and all of the mine's aboveground structures, the governor of the Siberian region of Kemerovo told Prime Minister Vladimir Putin during a meeting with emergency officials, according to a government transcript.

The first blast, believed to have been caused by methane, hit the Raspadskaya mine just before midnight Saturday and the second about three hours later. There were 359 workers below ground at the time of the first explosion, the Emergency Ministry said. A total of 58 people were injured.

"It's clear the situation is difficult," Putin said. "We could even say very difficult, tragic. Dozens of people remain in the mine ... Their fate is unknown. And the saddest thing is that additional rescuers cannot be sent into the mine right away." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tory-Liberal Democrat coalition close?

ELISABETH BRAW
Metro World News

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British Liberal Democrat Leader Nick Clegg speaks to the media outside his house yesterday in London.

U.K. Since Britain's general election last week failed to produce an overall majority, party leaders have been engaged in intensive coalition talks.

The Tories won 305 seats, compared to 258 for Labour and 57 for the Liberal Democrats, led by Nick Clegg. According to the latest count, the Tories fell short of the overall majority by just 16,000 votes. A predicted Cleggmania fell flat as the party won only 23 per cent of the popular vote and lost five parliamentary seats. "Clegg has a lot of charisma, but he's too soft on illegal immigrants," one left-leaning voter told Metro, echoing overall sentiments that voters liked Clegg but not his policies. But Clegg now holds considerable power, as neither the Tories nor Labour can govern without the Lib Dems.

Coalition talks continue today. The party leaders are also under considerable pressure from the financial markets to reach a deal this week. Most importantly, the new government has to announce how it plans to reduce Britain's enormous budget deficit.

News in brief

WASHINGTON U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder said yesterday he does not think Arizona's law cracking down on illegal immigrants is racially motivated but voiced concern that its enforcement could lead to racial profiling. Holder said the U.S. has a national immigration problem that cannot be cured with a "state-by-state solution." The law empowers Arizona police to question anyone they suspect of being in the country illegally, and that could lead to what some see as harassment of the state's large Hispanic population. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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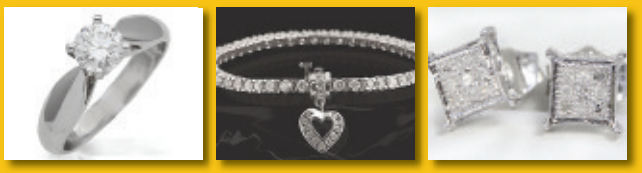

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Quit stalling with The Big Move

InTransit

Ed Drass

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After decades of inaction, the GTA finally has a regional transit plan — and now some Toronto mayoral candidates want to change it up. The "Big Move" features a mix of commuter rail, subway, light rail and rapid bus lines. It's too modest and far from perfect, but the plan is a realistic compromise.

With the province short of funds, its planning agency Metrolinx is slowing implementation of The Big Move, which means Toronto's transit deficit will take longer to close.

Various mayoral hopefuls say the plan has too many light rail lines and not enough subway tunnels. They have a point — underground trains are ideal, but these cost plenty.

And in a period of belt-tightening, how smart is it to add to the cost of construction without proven financial resources?

By remaking the regional plan every time there is an election, we risk losing momentum. The focus should be on speeding up and adding to The Big Move, not stalling it.

If a new Toronto mayor shifts strongly towards subways, we all wait while new designs are drafted. No proposed lines would open during their four-year mandate as it takes longer to work underground.

And what about riders who take buses across the city? Even with one extra subway station opening every year starting in 2015, few bus commuters in 416 would see improvement for decades. Meanwhile, growing congestion adds to their journeys.

If you want the job of Toronto mayor, what do you offer hundreds of thousands of bus riders stuck in traffic over the next four years?

Transit users in North York, Scarborough and Etobicoke deserve faster and more reliable trips — in the near term.

Ideally, we would see reserved bus or tram lanes along many arterials and subways wherever they can be justified. But for now we have a workable compromise called The Big Move.

Let's put it in place as fast as practically possible.

Quick tip

• Help me compile a list of transit questions for Toronto mayoral candidates. Send ideas to transit@eddrass.com.

Toronto-based transport writer Ed Drass covers transit issues every Monday; transit@eddrass.com.

Views

Green vs. greed in urban sprawl battle

Norm Beach

Markham town council is about to make a decision that will have implications throughout the GTA. It looks like we're going to get more urban sprawl, more traffic gridlock, more climate change and dirtier water in Lake Ontario.

It's not that the people of Markham want this. But if politicians ignore the wishes of citizens and pander to developers, this is what happens — and all of the GTA's motorists and water drinkers will have to live with it.

Sprawl hurts us all. It makes public transit unworkable, so it clogs highways. It pollutes our air and warms the planet. Paving over greenspace destroys the natural filtering process that keeps water clean. And it's a huge burden for taxpayers who have to pay for new roads, sewers and water on unserviced land.

All over the GTA, municipalities face the challenge of accommodating population growth. But putting subdivisions on farmland is an unsustainable growth strategy, so Markham councillors Erin Shapero and Valerie Burke have proposed stopping sprawl and preserving greenspace. New arrivals would live within present urban boundaries in resale family homes and low-rise multi-unit complexes, with higher density along transit corridors.

A Pollara poll in Markham found 83 per cent of respondents agree with the proposal.

Unfortunately, many developers don't. They've spent hundreds of millions snapping up farmland, hoping to pave it over with subdivisions when council gives the go-ahead. With so much money at stake, it's not surprising that they help fund many councillors' election campaigns.

The plan to preserve greenspace comes before Markham council tomorrow and the vote will be close. Councillors who remember Richmond Hill's citizen-led "Save, Don't Pave" campaign may decide the best place to be is on the right side of public opinion.

Adults buy farms, bulldoze trees, pave over greenspace and make a profit, but children pay the price.

Money cannot compensate for the impact of lost greenspace on the air they will breathe or the water they will drink.

In a hungry world, Canada's richest agricultural land may be covered with houses and shopping malls. That's food for thought for politicians and voters alike.

Norm Beach is a writer and a Markham ratepayer.

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Business

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Global credit scare stifling stock market

The Toronto stock market faces a difficult week despite solid job-creation data as worries about the spread of the European debt crisis show no signs of going away soon.

"The jobs data, all the economic fundamental data is secondary to a stable credit environment," said Paul Taylor, chief investment officer at BMO Harris Private Banking.

"All that means squat if in fact you have an unstable global credit environment and that is what we have."

The Toronto market tumbled 4.24 per cent last week, leaving the main index in the red for the year, even as the U.S. economy cranked out 290,000 new jobs last month, better than the 180,000 that had been expected.

In Canada, 108,700 jobs were created in April, going a long way toward reversing the losses of the recession and better than the 24,000 jobs economists had forecast.

But the data meant little to investors watching the Greek debt crisis for signs it can't be contained and others that took on too much debt, such as Portugal and Spain, will also need billions to avoid default.

The stresses in the financial system are similar to those in the fall of 2008. At that time, credit was squeezed as banks became wary of lending to each other because of doubt about which institutions owned large amounts of bad debt. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Correction

- Patricia Croft of RBC Global Management thinks the market was due for a correction after markets surged last year and early 2010 from the lows of the financial crisis. The TSX ran up more than 60 per cent from early March 2009 to its recent high of about 12,300 in late April.

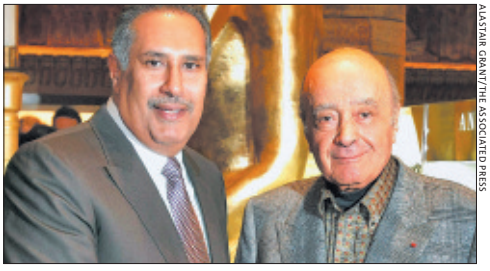
Al Fayed family sells landmark department store to Qatari group

SALE Mohamed Al Fayed, a flamboyant businessman who has controlled Harrods department store in London for a quarter-century, has sold the landmark business to Qatari investors, his financial advisers said Saturday.

The sale price was not announced but the BBC and Sky News reported that it was around 1.5 billion pounds ($2.2 billion US).

The Al Fayed family trust agreed to sell Harrods Group to Qatar Holding, Lazard International confirmed. Al Fayed, a native of Egypt, joined with his two brothers to buy Harrods in 1985.

His son Dodi died with Princess Diana in a car crash in Paris in 1997, and in recent years Al Fayed has devoted much time and money to pursuing his claims the couple were the victim of a conspiracy. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Mohamed Al Fayed, right, former owner of Harrods department store, poses with Qatar Prime Minister Sheikh Hamad Bin Jassim Bin Jabr Al-Thani at the Harrods store Saturday in London.

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Jobs data bodes well for recovery

JOBS The Canadian economy had a month for the ages in April, churning out 108,700 new jobs in a strong signal the recovery has entered a new encouraging phase.

And there was more good news from the U.S. — Canada's biggest export buyer — with data showing the labour market south of the border is also on the mend, producing a massive 290,000 new jobs.

In Croatia, Prime Minister Stephen Harper welcomed the jobs report, but said it's too early for the Canadian government to declare victory over the recession and "take our eye off the ball." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Sounders offer refund after poor performance

The Seattle Sounders FC are offering a refund to season ticket holders for their poor performance in losing 4-0 to Los Angeles. The team announced yesterday that all season ticket holders will receive a game credit for next year if they renew their season tickets. Seattle has about 32,000 season ticket holders. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports

Henin, Sharapova knocked out

Former top-ranked players Justine Henin and Maria Sharapova, left, crashed out in the first round at the Madrid Masters yesterday. Aravane Rezai of France beat Henin 4-6, 7-5, 6-0, and Lucie Safarova of the Czech Republic defeated Sharapova 6-4, 6-3. Fourth-seeded Venus Williams downed Swiss qualifier Stefanie Voegele 6-4, 6-2.

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Neck pain forces Woods out of Players

GOLF Tiger Woods withdrew from The Players Championship yesterday with an injury that he fears might be a bulging disc in his upper back.

"I've been playing with a bad neck for about a month," Woods said.

After hitting his drive well to the right on the seventh hole, Woods called for an official. He hit his second shot and grimaced, then walked to the middle of the fairway to shake hands with playing partner Jason Bohn before leaving on a golf cart.

Tiger Woods

Woods had his head bowed for several minutes as he sat in front of his locker, and other times kept his eyes closed as if he were in the middle of a nap before answering questions from three reporters. At one point, he slammed his golf shoe to the ground.

"I've been playing through it," Woods said quietly. "I can't play through it anymore."

He said he first felt the injury before the Masters and plans to have an MRI next week. He said he was having a hard time with the pain, and there was a tingling sensation on his right side down to his fingers.

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Late homer gives Jays win

MLB RESULTS

Blue Jays 9 White Sox 7

VS

Fred Lewis hit a three-run homer off Bobby Jenks and the Toronto Blue Jays rallied to beat the Chicago White Sox 9-7 yesterday.

Jenks (1-1) failed to retire any of the four batters he faced. Travis Snider doubled and John Buck singled before Lewis drove a 3-1 pitch into the right-field seats to give the Blue Jays an 8-7 lead. It was Lewis' second homer of the season.

Jenks was booed as he walked to the dugout after yielding a single to Aaron Hill. Alex Gonzalez added an RBI single off Scott Linebrink.

Jason Frasor (2-1) allowed Carlos Quentin's RBI double in the eighth but got the win when Toronto rallied. Kevin Gregg, who blew a save opportunity Friday, pitched a scoreless ninth for his ninth save in 10 opportunities.

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Toronto Blue Jays Vernon Wells, Fred Lewis, centre, and Travis Snider celebrate their 9-7 victory over the Chicago White Sox yesterday in Chicago.

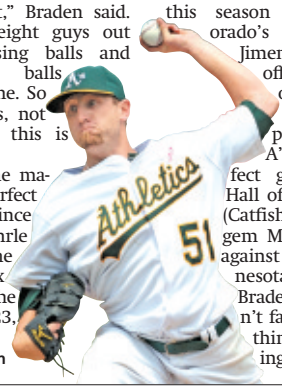
Oakland's Braden tosses perfect Mother's Day masterpiece

BASEBALL Dallas Braden pitched the 19th perfect game in major league history, shutting down the majors' hottest team and leading the Oakland Athletics to a 4-0 victory over the Tampa Bay Rays yesterday.

Braden threw his arms in the air after Gabe Kapler grounded out to shortstop for the final out. The closest the Rays got to a hit was Jason Bartlett's liner to third leading off the game. Evan Longoria tried to bunt against Braden leading off the fifth, drawing boos from the small crowd.

"It's without a doubt a team effort," Braden said. "You got eight guys out there chasing balls and knocking balls down for me. So this is ours, not just mine, this is ours."

It was the majors' first perfect game since Mark Buehrle did it for the White Sox against the Rays July 23, and the second no-hitter this season after Colorado's Ubaldo Jimenez pulled it off in Atlanta on April 17.



Dallas Braden

Braden pitched the A's first perfect game since Hall of Famer Jim (Catfish) Hunter's gem May 8, 1968, against the Minnesota Twins. Braden (4-2) wasn't fazed by anything, throwing two-strike changeups and getting quick outs against a Rays team that lost on the road for just the third time this year. He struck out six in the 109-pitch performance, throwing 77 strikes in his 53rd career start.

Braden's teammates mobbed him when the Mother's Day masterpiece was over, leaving bats and gloves scattered on the field. The left-hander pointed to the sky in honour of his mom, Jodie Atwood, who died of cancer when he was a high school senior.

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Sports in brief

NBA Rajon Rondo had 29 points, 18 rebounds and 13 assists, and the Boston Celtics beat the Cleveland Cavaliers 97-87 yesterday to even the Eastern Conference semifinals at two games apiece. Ray Allen and Kevin Garnett scored 18 apiece for the Celtics, who rebounded from the worst home playoff loss in franchise history and ensured they will get at least one more game at home.

SOCCER Chelsea regained the Premier League title from Manchester United with a 8-0 victory over Wigan yesterday with Didier Drogba scoring three times. Even though United finished the campaign with a 4-0 victory over Stoke at Old Trafford, the big celebrations were at Stamford Bridge where Chelsea took the championship by one point.

HOCKEY Alexander Ovechkin scored the deciding goal yesterday to give two-time defending champion Russia a 3-1 victory over Slovakia at the ice hockey world championship.

BASKETBALL Barcelona won the Euroleague title for the first time in seven years yesterday, beating Olympiakos 86-68 after Juan Carlos Navarro scored a game-high 21 points. Navarro was named the most valuable player of the Final Four.

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Sixers consider Mitchell for coach's job

Former Toronto Raptors coach Sam Mitchell and former Detroit player Bill Laimbeer met with the Philadelphia 76ers yesterday in Dallas to discuss the team's vacant coaching job. Mitchell coached the Raptors for four full seasons and was the NBA coach of the year in 2006-07. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Canucks stay alive

(Chicago leads series 3-2)

Canucks 4 Blackhawks 1

VS

Kevin Bieksa scored two goals, Roberto Luongo made 29 saves last night and the Vancouver Canucks beat the Chicago Blackhawks 4-1 to stay alive in the Western Conference semifinals.

Chicago leads the series 3-2 and now it heads back to Vancouver — where the Blackhawks captured Games 3-4 — for Game 6 tomorrow night.

Vancouver, which gave up four power-play goals in a 7-4 loss in Game 4 on Friday night, played a more disciplined game based on speed. And the Canucks got the kind of performance they needed from Olympic gold medallist Luongo following three straight losses to the Blackhawks.

Christian Ehrhoff opened the scoring for the Canucks, just 59 seconds into the game, quickly quieting the crowd at the United Center who had hoped to see the Blackhawks make the conference finals for a second straight season.

The series winner will face San Jose.

Chicago finally scored with just more than seven minutes left when Jonathan Toews tipped in a long shot from between the circles by Duncan Keith.

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Members of the Vancouver Canucks celebrate a second period goal against the Chicago Blackhawks last night in Chicago.

SCOREBOARD

NHL

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Vancouver 4 Chicago 1 (Chicago leads series 3-2)

NBA

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Boston 97 Cleveland 87 (Series tied 2-2)
Phoenix 107 San Antonio 101 (Phoenix wins series 4-0)

BASEBALL

YESTERDAY'S AL RESULTS

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Cleveland 7 Detroit 4
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Ashbridges Bay Maintenance and Storage Facility for New Streetcars

Landscape Design Competition

City of Toronto Urban Design and the TTC are pleased to announce the launch of a landscape design competition to generate an exciting vision for the landscaping around the future Ashbridges Bay TTC Facility. Please attend the public meeting to learn about the process, share your ideas, and meet the design teams.

Date: **Wednesday, May 19, 2010**

Time: **6:30pm – 9:00pm**

Location: **Toronto EMS and Fire Academy (895 Eastern Avenue)**

After hearing your ideas on May 19 and receiving a report from the third party consultation facilitators (LURA), the design teams will develop designs to be presented to the community for review and comment at a second consultation.

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If you would like to be added to the project mailing list, share your comments or obtain more information, please contact:

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Project Background

The City of Toronto and the Toronto Transit Commission have ordered 204 new streetcars which will provide significant service improvements:

- Low-floor accessibility for people with disabilities, seniors and families with strollers, bicycle storage
- Almost double the capacity of current streetcars
- Multiple doors and a proof of payment system to significantly speed boarding and exiting
- Design enhancements to reduce noise and vibration

A new transit facility is required to support the new streetcars which will begin to replace the current fleet in 2013. One hundred of the 204 new streetcars will be stored at the Ashbridges Bay site, located at the south-east corner of Lake Shore Boulevard East and Leslie Street.

Background details are available at:
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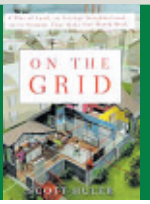

Welcome to the grid

In On the Grid, Scott Huler tries to understand the systems that sustain our way of life, starting from his own quarter of an acre in North Carolina and travelling as far as Ancient Rome. Each chapter follows one element of infrastructure to its source — or to its outlet. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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The real scoop on Ben & Jerry's

Ice-cream icons add fair trade to flavours

ROMINA MCGUINNESS
Metro World News

When in 1978, two friends took a $5 correspondence course on ice cream making and opened a shop in a gas station in Burlington, Vt., nobody would have predicted the scale or scope of their success.

Although sold to multinational Unilever in 2000, for the past 30 years, Ben Cohen and Jerry Greenfield, of Ben & Jerry's ice cream, have been everything from peace activists, to rainforest conservationists and political messengers.

As they announce the 100 per cent transition to fair trade by 2013, Metro speaks to the flavoursome duo about chocolate brownies, sustainable farming and make shift solar panels.

Q Why the move to fair trade?

A BEN: We want to be able to help the people that find themselves at the bottom of the totem pole, integrating social and economic concerns into our product.

The move further reinforces the fact that our company is values-led and not market-driven. Most companies will simply assess what it is that consumers want and the levels of demand and then look no further beyond filling those needs.

What Ben and Jerry aims to do it to be ahead of the game in such a way that we are not led by demand, but by our internal values, principles and believes, such as supporting fair trade.

Just desserts

- **EGGS:** The hens that lay the eggs used to make Ben & Jerry ice cream have been given access to clean water, wholesome food and adequate wing space and live on Certified Humane cage-free farms.
- **DAIRY:** Dairy milk and cream makes up more than a half pint of Ben & Jerry's. Diary is sourced from U.S.-based family farms that do not treat their cows with artificial growth hormones.
- **VANILLA:** Vanilla pods are grown by some 1,200 small-scale farmers in western Uganda. Thanks to the fair trade premium, communities have been able to improve basic needs such as healthcare, education and housing.
- **NUTS:** Macadamia nuts come from Malawi where they are grown using sustainable farming techniques.
- **COCOA:** Although the Ivory Coast supplies nearly 40 per cent of the world's cocoa, only a small percentage of this is fair trade. The higher price farmers receive from selling fair trade cocoa powder has allowed them to invest in health care, women's empowerment, micro credit programs, education and environmental conservation.

Q Where will the ingredients be sourced from mainly?

A JERRY: Ingredients are being sourced from all around the world. Off the top of my head, I can say that our bananas come from Ecuador, vanilla from India, cocoa from Ivory Coast and the Dominican Republic and walnuts and almonds from Pakistan.

Q Ben & Jerry's is famous for using the product as a manner of addressing sensitive issues such as climate change, gay rights, politics and global warming. How did this need to make a point come about?

A BEN: Ice cream is such a sweet and innocent communication tool through which we can tackle tough issues. Business can be at the root of many social problems, something Jerry and I have never wanted to be part of. I guess we never realized we were pioneers seeing how clueless we were, but we did know that we wanted to find a way for our business to serve the needs of society.

JERRY: We had the peace pop, chocolate on a stick, aimed at redirecting money from the military budget into peace activities … we renamed the flavour chubby hubby to hubby hubby to make a statement on the issue of gay marriage and we also had the rainforest crunch that indirectly went towards rainforest preservation.

Ben Cohen, left, and Jerry Greenfield of Ben & Jerry's ice-cream have addressed climate and political issues through their popular desserts.

'We ask too much of Mother Earth'

ALBERTO FERRIGOLO
Metro World News

Carlo Petrini, founder of the slow food movement, recently published his book, How Food Can Eat Us. Metro caught up with him for a discussion about food and environment.

Q There are many paradoxes, and among them one that says our food attitude is destroying our planet. Why?

A It's clear. Food production is the main cause of our ecosystem destruction and of our environment situation.

Q But when people think about pollution and green matters, they mainly think about global warming, oil, gas, cars and garbage.

A Those are some of the problems, not all the problems. We ask too much of Mother Earth, and we have to face the tragedy that half of the food we produce goes directly into the garbage.

Q A half, isn't it too much?

A We produce for 12 billion people, we are seven billion and one billion don't have access to our resources. It's more than an evidence that this is something absurd.

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For-profit PSE firm names Clinton honorary chancellor

Laureate Education Inc., a Baltimore-based for-profit higher education company, announced last week that former U.S. president Bill Clinton has accepted the role of honorary chancellor of Laureate International Universities, the company's global network. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Workology

Taiwan may allow Chinese students

Students from mainland China will soon be able to study at universities in Taiwan, after Taiwanese lawmakers agreed over the weekend to compromises on the issue. The Democratic Progressive Party agreed to drop its opposition as long as the education ministry accepted extensive amendments that would, among other things, prevent Chinese citizens from working in Taiwan following graduation. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Odd**Jobs**

Diane Peters

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Paws, Claws **and Jobs**

James Beagle has always loved dogs. His grandparents had two border collies and his own family had a boxer.

Early on, Beagle, who's now 50, learned that these creatures make a mess. His job was to scoop up the poop from the backyard. He didn't mind.

But he did mind being bored. So when the Toronto-born Beagle first went to university and found the courses too similar to those in high school, he dropped out after a year and worked in security.

And met up with dogs again. During a training session, his new bosses suited him up in protective gear and put him in a cage with vicious dogs. He learned that they'd run if he ran away, but would back off if he advanced on the dogs. (The skill came in handy many years later.)

Beagle began working in the hotel and restaurant industry, where he learned a lot about working with people.

But he longed to work outside, and work for himself. He came up with the idea of scooping dog poop out of backyards as a business. He asked his friends and family if they thought it was a good idea. "Nobody would ever pay for that," they said.

Undeterred, he got friends to ask around and soon found a few busy families who had no time for their dog poo.

Beagle went to work in 1985, scooping in yards in the daytime and working in restaurant and hotels at night. After raising his rates (it used to be as low as $6 a week) and getting some media coverage, five years into his business Beagle was able to quit his other job and focus entirely on Super Scoopers.

He works five days a week, and begins his day by checking his email and dealing with bills and scheduling. He then heads out in his truck with his bichon frise Boo Boo. Beagle goes directly into a client's backyard and uses gloves, a scoop, a paint scraper and a bucket for the job.

Beagle stores the dog waste in the back of his truck and then in freezers in his garage. He disposes of it every few days at a waste disposal station or sewage treatment plant.

He can clear a yard he's familiar with in as little as five minutes. "I already know the hot spots." Boo Boo sometimes helps find the hidden gems.

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.

The Lowdown

Job title: Dog poop scooper
Salary: The company nets about $100,000 a year
Best Part of the Job: "The fresh air. Being able to do what I want to do, when I want to do it."
Worst Part of the Job: "Chasing the money if people choose not to pay."

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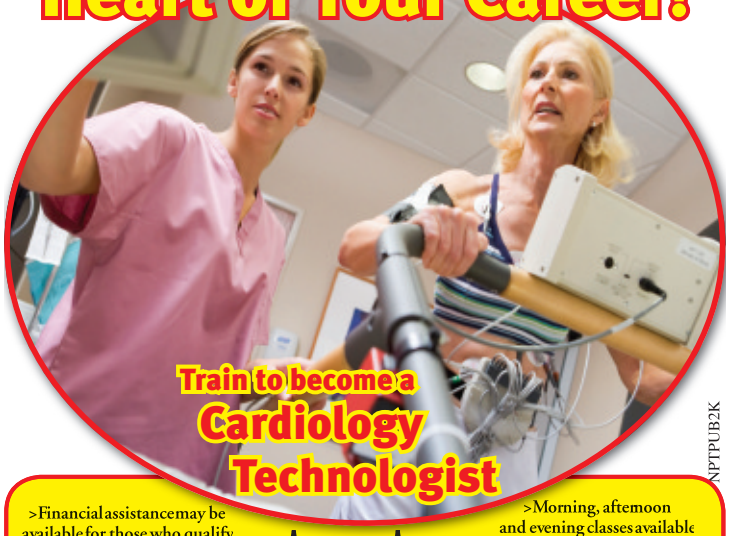

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UNB board too large, says PSE group
Shared Vision Group, an organization committed to improving PSE in the Saint John, N.B., region, believes the 44-member University of New Brunswick is too large and unwieldy. The group is calling for the number of members on the volunteer board to be trimmed. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Our obsession with being fascinating

BookReview

Fascinate

Author: Sally Hogshead
Publisher: Harper Business
Price: $32.50

CRAIG LUND
for Metro Canada

In the time of the Salem Witch Trials, fascination was considered a spell of witchcraft, an act punishable by death.

According to author, Sally Hogshead, the reason we make decisions to buy brands, take a new job or get a breast enlargement is largely to do with our fascination with these things and that by engaging these items or ideas we as humans become more fascinating to those around us. At least that is the hope.

I was fortunate to see Hogshead speak in Toronto to where she discussed the seven triggers of fascination and in between slides gave out free shots of Jagermeister to help make a point that she discusses in her book.

Her point with the Jagermeister being that it is because of the mystique that "Jager" "has become the most popular product nobody likes." The other triggers include lust, alarm, prestige, power, vice and trust. The more of these you can pack into one idea, person or product, the higher your chances at creating something fascinating.

Hogshead's book based on significant research by Kelton Research, a public-opinion company, and discusses two top line findings. First that people will pay a great deal of money if you can help them become fascinating (spending an average of $288 per month). Second, that people will pay a great deal of money if you can help them feel fascinated. Hence a fascinating brand can charge up to four times more than an un-fascinating one.

Hogshead has pulled together an incredible amount of research and facts and knitted a history lesson that I assure you is quite fascinating.

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Workology in brief

MCMASTER SPENT MORE THAN $66,000 TO KEEP PRESIDENT'S CONTRACT CONFIDENTIAL The Hamilton Spectator reports that McMaster University spent $66,600 on legal fees over a two-year period in order to keep details of president Peter George's contract from being released to the newspaper. In August 2006, McMaster denied the Spectator's request to release the contract, and the newspaper won an appeal with Ontario's Information and Privacy Commissioner in January 2008. The university then applied to the province's Superior Court of Justice for a judicial review, but released the contract just ahead of the court date.

WHO ARE THE HIGHEST-PAID UNIVERSITY PROFS IN CANADA? According to a new report from Statistics Canada, full professors at the University of Toronto earned an average $150,381 in 2007-08 to top the list. Full professors at the Universities of Calgary and British Columbia earned an average of $146,809 and $146,422, respectively, in 2007-08. Among the lowest-paid professors are those at Cape Breton University ($98,676) and Trinity Western University ($78,231).

UBC RECEIVES $4-MILLION DONATION The Djavad Mowafaghian Foundation has made a $4-million contribution towards biodiversity outreach and early childhood development research at the University of British Columbia. The foundation is pledging $3 million to the new Djavad Mowafaghian Atrium, a two-storey glass gallery that will showcase the new Beaty Biodiversity Museum's flagship exhibit, the skeleton of a blue whale — the largest known animal.

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Real Housewives' Frankel gives birth

Bethenny Frankel of the Real Housewives of New York City has given birth to a baby girl a month earlier than expected. The author and reality star, who married Jason Hoppy in March, went into labor on Friday. POPEATER.COM

Entertainment

Final goodbye

Friends and family said final goodbyes to Georgy Girl star Lynn Redgrave on Saturday and laid the 67-year-old actress to rest near her mother amid the rolling hills of upstate New York. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Nostalgic remakes

Hollywood taps into audience's comfortable familiarity

The Karate Kid remake starring Jaden Smith and Jackie Chan hits theatres in June.

A remake of 1984's popular horror flick A Nightmare on Elm Street was released in theatres last month.

It's hardly a mystery why Hollywood studios keep putting out remakes and sequels — they make money. But why do we as an audience eat it up so readily?

"If the cake tasted good the first time, why not eat it again?" Professor of film studies Christopher Sharrett of Seton Hall University asks.

Hollywood, Sharrett says, is basically owned by six different corporations and as a result, "they treat cinema as one more commodity and they look to see what's been paying off lately and might lend itself to 3-D remakes."

What's been paying off seems almost exclusively to be stories that are already ingrained in popular culture.

"In the '90s they made a Beverly Hillbillies movie and a Coneheads movie and those were from late '60s early '70s television," says Dave White, movie critic at movies.com. "As you find what people are nostalgic for, what people reference, somebody at a studio says 'hmmm.'"

That comfortable familiarity guarantees a stress-free movie-going experience — perfect when everyone is in the summer vacation mindset. Since we want to see everything we've seen before, it's no surprise that pop culture of the '80s has played a major role in this summer's blockbuster offerings — like The Karate Kid remake.

"I think what's interesting about the '80s is you had a lot of iconic characters who were born then, like Indiana Jones and Freddy Krueger, and I don't think movies in recent years have had that," says Kirthana Ramisetti, managing editor of predicto.com. "It's just easier than trying to come up with a new monster for them to just take Freddy Krueger and use some CGI."

This doesn't mean filmmakers have it easy. "I'll have to admit that when I was approached to do this, I was terrified," says Samuel Bayer, the director of the new version of Nightmare on Elm Street, now in theatres. "But I wanted this to be a serious, straight up horror film. The fact that we have an academy award nominated actor as Freddy should signal just how serious we are."

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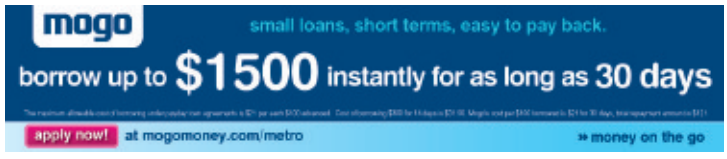
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Entertainment in brief

LEGAL Roman Polanski's attorneys argued in court filings Friday that the Swiss government should not automatically assume an extradition request by Los Angeles prosecutors is accurate. The statement is in response to a comment by a Swiss justice official, who told The Associated Press last month that officials there assume facts in an extradition request are correct. The official said the justice ministry was not interested in the transcripts of testimony offered in secret earlier this year by the former prosecutor who handled Polanski's case. Polanski's attorneys contend the transcripts will show the extradition papers contain information prosecutors know is "false and materially incomplete."

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Italy minister boycotts Cannes
Italy's culture minister says he will boycott this month's Cannes film festival to protest the showing of a movie that spoofs Premier Silvio Berlusconi and his relief efforts for earthquake survivors. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Stars lead flood relief efforts

CHARITY Country stars including Taylor Swift are leading the flood relief efforts in Nashville, Tenn, Starmagazine.com reported.

Taylor donated $500,000 US during a call into a star-studded telethon Thursday on local station WSMV. The telethon, hosted by Vince Gill, raised over $1.7 million. The clean-up effort is expected to cost more than $1 billion.

"It was the craziest thing that I've ever seen," Taylor said on the telethon. "I was at my house in Hendersonville, we were staring out the window, thinking it didn't seem like rain. It just seemed like something in a movie. It was really emotional for me because those are the streets I learned to drive on. People's houses are just ruined. It was so heartbreaking to see that in my town, the place that I call home, and the place that I feel most safe. I just send my love to my friends and neighbors who got hit harder than I did."

Swift

Country singers, many who live in Nashville, have also been part of the relief efforts. Keith Urban said seeing the Grand Ole Opry House under water was "chilling."

Another telethon is planned for May 16 with Brad Paisley, Dierks Bentley, Lady Antebellum and others. METRO NEWS SERVICE

Urban cinema at its best

Location-based mobile film app series explores Toronto's music history

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City Sonic, a new Canadian documentary series, imagines an urban adventure perfectly tailored for the smart or iPhone owner.

Already into its first season, this series of location-based films pairs celebrated Canadian filmmakers with musicians to explore the places where past and present Toronto music scenes collide.

The shorts — which can be view online or in a recently launched iPhone app — comes with appropriate GPS capabilities, fulfilling a stroll-friendly street cinematic experience for a film series that's been screened at North By Northeast and the Toronto International Film Festival.

The Toronto music films are intimate first-person stories, and play off the "you had to be there" feeling inherent to live music. So director Bruce McDonald tags along on a Massey Hall tour with Geddy Lee, who reminisces on his journey as a teen watching Cream "rock the joint" to Rush's own sold-out concerts there in the mid-1970s.

Or you can watch Broken Social Scene's Brendan Canning — sitting on the bed of a Drake Hotel room in white terrycloth robe — speak on the Queen West cultural revitalization in the early 2000s, and his band's eventual success. If you actually visit the place where the film takes place, users can unlock additional content (like rare archival footage and extended interviews) by typing in a City Sonic site-specific code.

As we do the Foursquare "check-in," it's inevitable that our entertainment optimizes for multi-platform consumption. Business Insider calls it the "best screen available model," and predicts a soon-to-be augmented reality where iPhone apps unbundle cable television packages in providing our favourite shows and movies on-demand.

ETHAN MILLER/GETTY IMAGES
Geddy Lee, lead vocalist, bassist and keyboardist for the Canadian rock group Rush, is featured in a Bruce McDonald-directed film app as part of the City Sonic series.

"We wanted to create City Sonic as a cross-platform series while still maintaining a whole cohesive experience," explains David Oppenheim, the series' interactive producer. "By going across multiple platforms, it allows you to pursue non-traditional financing and revenue."

For the next season, Oppenheim hopes that City Sonic will launch in other Canadian cities like Montreal, Calgary and Vancouver. He also sees the series' app and mobile site include a Foursquare-like "leaderboard" for future events, concerts and contests that connects city music fans together.

Rea McNamara writes about the on/offline statuses of niches and subcultures. Follow her on Twitter @reerew

NFB Short Films Online Contest

- Who says you need a pink press pass for this year's Cannes? The National Film Board of Canada is partnering with the film festival's Short Film Corner and YouTube for its sixth annual NFB Short Films Online Contest. You can watch the final 10 shortlisted films via the NFB's Youtube channel.
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HotDocs names top films

A documentary on the Warsaw Ghetto and another on so-called family "honour killings" have been named the top films of this year's HotDocs festival.

The 11-day showcase celebrated the best in international and Canadian fare with an awards ceremony in downtown Toronto.

The $15,000 best Canadian feature award went to Toronto's Shelley Saywell for In the Name of the Family, about the killings of young girls in the name of family honour.

The $10,000 best international feature prize went to A Film Unfinished, from Germany and Israel, about an unfinished Nazi propaganda film on Jewish life in the Warsaw Ghetto.

Other big winners included Philip Layall of Toronto and Nimisha Mukerji of Vancouver, who took a $20,000 prize for emerging filmmakers. Their movie 65—RedRoses was a top 10 audience favourite at last year's festival. Hot Docs, billed as North America's largest documentary festival, concluded yesterday.

In the Name of the Family won the best Canadian feature award at the HotDocs film festival.

Other winners included:

- Leave Them Laughing, a Canada-U.S. co-production about performer Carla Zilbersmith and her battle with Lou Gehrig's disease. It claimed a $10,000 jury prize.
- The Oath from the U.S.A. and Yemen, about Osama bin Laden's former bodyguard. It won a $5,000 jury prize.
- I Shot My Love from Israel and Germany, named best mid-length documentary and winner of a $3,000 prize.
- Sweden's Tussilado, named best short documentary and winner of a $3,000 prize.
- The U.S.'s Marwencol, which received the HBO Documentary films emerging artist award.
- Twenty-year-old Ayanie Mohamed of Toronto, who received a $6,000 emerging filmmaker award. The prize also includes $3,000 in film stock.

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SNL's mother of comedy

Betty White plays up sass

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"I'm not new to live TV," she reminded the audience at the top of the show, and recalled that she had starred in a TV comedy that aired live back in 1952.

"Of course, back then, we didn't WANT to do it live. We just didn't know how to tape things." A perfectly timed beat. "I don't know what THIS show's excuse is." Billed by NBC as a special Mother's Day edition, the TV comedy sketch show had a definitely feminine tone and was a reunion of sorts for SNL alumnae, bringing Amy Poehler, Tina Fey, Ana Gasteyer and Molly Shannon. (Jay-Z was the musical guest.)

"I don't know what THIS show's excuse is."
Betty White, as host

But White was the queen bee, appearing in nearly every bit throughout the 90-minute span — and never failing to punch it up.

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Comedy queen Betty White, 88: Getting laughs since 1952.

As a dotty resident being surveyed by census-taker Fey, White listed residents in her apartment as Fluffy, Princess, Tigger and Socks. "These are people we're talking about and not cats, right?" asked the wary Fey.

"There's really no way of knowing," came the reply. "Sometimes when I see their big eyes looking up from my lap, I think that's definitely a homeless guy in a fur coat."

She also played the guest of Gasteyer and Shannon, cooking show co-hosts, in a sketch slyly built around an alternate meaning for "muffin."

White's SNL gig resulted from a half-a-million-strong groundswell on Facebook after her hilarious Snickers commercial during the Super Bowl.

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TV movie pays tribute

Selleck has fond memories of Stone writer

Tom Selleck's sixth turn for CBS as lawman Jesse Stone is bittersweet: The movie aired less than five months after the death of Robert Parker, the novelist who created Stone.

Jesse Stone: No Remorse, which aired last night, was dedicated to Parker. The author wasn't involved with the production but saw the finished TV movie before his heart attack in January, Selleck said. He gave it his blessing, as he had the other Stone films.

"I don't want to hype what Bob said about the show, but he said really wonderful things and he didn't always feel that way about characters" adapted from his novels, the actor said.

"(He felt) he spirit of the storytelling was captured." Selleck on author Robert Parker

"He is — I still talk in the present tense about him — he was something of a curmudgeon. Praise did not come easy."

Selleck recalled Parker telling he had shed tears of joy when he saw Stone Cold, the first CBS movie based on his work, because he felt "the spirit of the storytelling was captured."

The actor has long admired Parker's novels, including his sharp dialogue. Stone's flaws — he's bedeviled by women and drinking — drew Selleck to the first movie and have kept him hooked.

In Jesse Stone: No Remorse, Stone is moonlighting on a serial murder case in Boston after being suspended from his job as police chief of Paradise, Mass. Kathy Baker, Kohl Sudduth, William Devane and William Sadler co-star in the TV movie.

Parker's friendship and sense of humour are missed by Selleck, but he's not saying goodbye to Stone. A seventh movie for CBS has been completed and work is under way on Nov. 8.

The former Magnum, P.I. star could find himself back full time on a series if CBS picks up Reagan's Law, about a New York Irish-American family dedicated to law enforcement.

Selleck, cast as the patriarch and city's police chief, said he's optimistic the drama will end up on the network's schedule.

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Box office

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theatres, according to Hollywood.com:

1. **IRON MAN 2:** $133.6 million US.
2. **A NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET:** $9.1 million
3. **HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON:** $6.7 million
4. **DATE NIGHT:** $5.3 million
5. **THE BACK-UP PLAN:** $4.3 million
6. **FURRY VENGEANCE:** $4 million
7. **CLASH OF THE TITANS:** $2.3 million
8. **DEATH AT A FUNERAL:** $2.1 million
9. **THE LOSERS:** $1.8 million
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She has blisters on her thumbs
Mila Kunis spends hours playing computer games, femalefirst.co.uk reported. The actress — who is the voice of Meg Griffin on Family Guy — recently had to go cold turkey on her favourite pixelated adventures because she was getting so "obsessive." METRO NEWS SERVICES

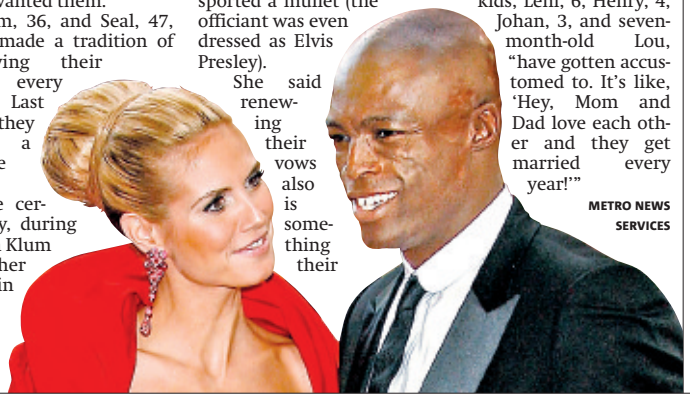
Celebrity Buzz

Resealing the deal

LOVE IS IN THE AIR To mark their fifth wedding anniversary, Heidi Klum and Seal renewed their vows in front of their children and close family members Saturday at sunset in Costa Careyes, Mexico, Usmagazine.com reported.

"The theme this year was brides and grooms," a source tell UsMagazine.com. "All the guests wore black and white and dressed themselves like brides and grooms. The minister was available to do vow renewals for anyone else who wanted them."

Klum, 36, and Seal, 47, have made a tradition of renewing their vows every year. Last year, they had a "white trash" theme ceremony, during which Klum wore her hair in cornrows and Seal sported a mullet (the officiant was even dressed as Elvis Presley).



She said renewing their vows also is something their kids, Leni, 6, Henry, 4, Johan, 3, and seven-month-old Lou, "have gotten accustomed to. It's like, 'Hey, Mom and Dad love each other and they get married every year!'"

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sandra will still make movies

OH, THANK GOD — MISS CONGENIALITY 12, HERE WE COME! Sandra Bullock's fans can rest easy. Despite rumours that the actress was moving to New Orleans and bidding Hollywood goodbye for the foreseeable future, her reps insist she's ready to get back to work.

"In order to maintain Sandra Bullock's privacy, we will not comment on where she plans to live," her rep tells People magazine. "Although she has no definite projects set at the moment, she has every intention of returning to work."

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Today, **JUSTIN BIEBER** admits he's claustrophobic, **ASHTON KUTCHER** has big plans, and **JENNY MCCARTHY** forgot to introduce herself to a new friend in Las Vegas.

@justinbieber i get a little freaked in the middle of big crowds. i hate elevators

@aplusk today I'm going to attempt to break the thought barrier...

@JennyfromMTV Yes I kissed a mystery man in Vegas. Everyone wants to know who he is or what his name is.... So would I.

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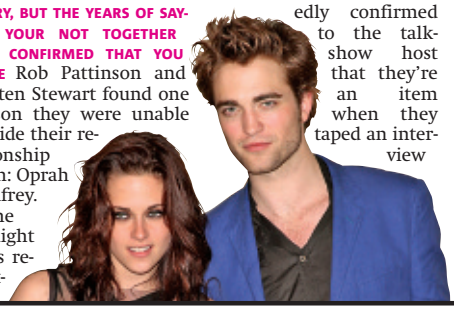
Oprah gets the goods

SORRY, BUT THE YEARS OF SAYING YOUR NOT TOGETHER JUST CONFIRMED THAT YOU WERE Rob Pattinson and Kristen Stewart found one person they were unable to hide their relationship from: Oprah Winfrey.

The Twilight stars reportedly confirmed to the talk-show host that they're an item when they taped an interview with her to air this week.



"We were all briefed before the show how to handle the talent. Part of what we were told was that Rob and Kristen are dating," a source tells E! News.

"Obviously Oprah had to ask something during the taping, but agreed beforehand she wouldn't be too hard on them if they told her what was really going on."

METRO WORLD NEWS

Ginny Weasley to wed a vampire?

IT WAS MAGIC ON SET Love has blossomed on the set of the final Harry Potter movie, as 19-year-old actress Bonnie Wright, who plays flame-haired teen wizard Ginny Weasley, has reportedly agreed to marry co-star Jamie Campbell Bower, according to the Daily Mail.

"They met on the set of the movie and Jamie fell for Bonnie really badly," a source says of the couple, who have been dating for six months.

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According to the source, Bower, who also appears in the successful Twilight franchise, popped the question last month.

"All he has told us is that he asked her to marry him and Bonnie said 'yes'," the source says.

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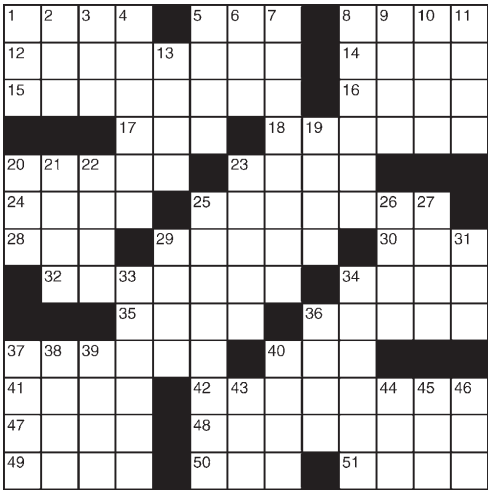

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16 Cabbie's payment
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18 Barnum's partner
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24 Barn-roof accessory
25 Meddler who ruins a plan
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29 Human trunk
30 Steal from
32 Rorschach design
34Hardy cabbage
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36 Count up
37 Eats soup loudly
40 In favor of
41 Albacore, e.g.
42 Monty Python musical
47 Way out
48 And so forth
49 Apportion (out)
50 Perched
51 Caught sight of

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1 Old TV ministry letters
2 "Eureka!"
3 Container for 41-Across
4 Put in a box
5 TV marine Gomer
6 Aussie hopper, for short
7 Eruption
8 Second drink, so to speak
9 Elliptical
10 Unembellished
11 Quarry
13 Small barrels
19 Dog food brand
20 Rd.
21 Creche trio
22 Soon, in poetry
23 Low-ranking nobleman
25 Blackstrap, for example
26 By word of mouth
27 Turnpike fee
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31 Ottoman title
33 Chopping spree?
34 Pure gold = 24 —
36 Heavy reading?
37 Rose holder
38 Sumptuousness
39 One
40 Datum
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44 Shelter
45 Raw rock
46 Catch some rays

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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Metro Recipe of the Day

Heartland Meatloaf

INGREDIENTS:

2 large onions, chopped
2 large celery ribs, chopped
1 large green bell pepper, chopped
3 garlic cloves, minced
2 lbs lean ground beef
1 cup fresh bread crumbs
1 egg white
1 tsp salt
1/2 tsp freshly ground black pepper
2 cups chopped canned tomatoes in purée
1/4 cup ketchup

METHOD:

1 Preheat oven to 350°F. Lightly coat 13 x 9-inch baking dish and large non-stick skillet with nonstick cooking spray. Set skillet over medium-high heat. Sauté onions, celery, green pepper and garlic until soft, about 5 minutes. Transfer vegetables to large bowl.

2 Add beef, bread crumbs, egg white, salt and pepper to vegetables in bowl and mix with hands. Combine tomatoes and ketchup in small bowl, add half to meatloaf mixture and mix again.

3 Transfer meatloaf mixture to baking dish and shape into 10 x 7-inch loaf, mounding slightly in centre. Make lengthwise groove down centre with side of hand. Pour remaining tomato mixture into groove. Bake meat loaf until instant-read thermometer inserted in centre reaches 165°F (74°C), about 1 hour 15 minutes. Let stand 10 minutes before slicing.

SERVES 8

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MARCH 21-APRIL 20
If you lose your temper today you will go all the way and give some unfortunate soul your very personal equivalent of Hell.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
You will either do something spectacular or something really stupid today. It's simply impossible to predict which way you will jump.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Why are you so defensive? What makes you think the world is ganging up on you? Whatever the reason try not to overreact. Only you will suffer.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Moderation is essential today, especially when dealing with people who don't take kindly to being told what to do. Not everyone shares your vision.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
If you are going to be forceful, if you are going to get tough, then it might as well be today. You'll do whatever it takes to get your way — and then some.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Try not to be too pushy today. You could easily go over the top. If people seem to be avoiding you it could be because they are scared of you.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Libra, indecisive? Never! Once you make up your mind about something you go all the way and you'll go all the way and then a bit further today.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
Someone with an extremely strong personality — someone very much like you, in fact — will have a major effect on your life today.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
Today's aspects urge you to be ruthless, to cut out everything that does not need to be done immediately, especially on the work front.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
Anyone who stands in your way is asking for trouble. You are the boss and anyone who does not accept that is going to regret it. Be assertive, but be fair as well.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
Once you start arguing with a partner or loved one you may find it hard to stop today, so don't start in the first place. Bite your lip.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
The problem you are confronted with today might look difficult but once you start to deal with it you will find it is not so bad after all.

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